



RESOLUTION

NAMING THE WAIPAHU DISTRICT PARK IN HONOR OF WILLIAM D. "BILL" BALFOUR, JR.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), provides that a new or existing City park, site, or facility may be named for a deceased individual if the individual meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. The person has a significant association with the park, site, or facility;
2. The person has contributed significantly to the community or area in which the park, site, or facility is located;
3. The person has achieved significant recognition historically on the City, State, national, or international level; or
4. The person has been honored for service with the armed forces of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.5(f) authorizes the City Council ("Council") to, "on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth in ROH Section 22-9.5, by adoption of an appropriate resolution"; and

WHEREAS, William D. "Bill" Balfour, Jr. ("Mr. Balfour") was born to a sugar plantation physician on Kauai in 1932; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Punahou School in 1950, serving in the United States Navy, and obtaining an agriculture degree from the University of Missouri, Mr. Balfour followed in his father's footsteps with a career in the sugar industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Balfour had an illustrious career, holding several positions ranging from Agricultural Research Director to President and Manager with American Factors (AMFAC) and Alexander & Baldwin at locations across the Hawaiian Islands, including the Lihue Plantation Company, the Pioneer Sugar Company, the McBryde Sugar Company, and the Oahu Sugar Company; and

WHEREAS, after a nearly 40-year career in the agricultural industry, Mr. Balfour began a second career with the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and



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WHEREAS, in 1997, Mayor Jeremy Harris appointed Mr. Balfour as Director of Parks and Recreation, a position he held for nearly eight years; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Mr. Balfour served as the Acting Civil Defense Administrator for the Oahu Civil Defense Agency (now known as the City's Department of Emergency Management) from 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Balfour served the City over the next decade in various positions with the Department of Facility Maintenance, the Mayor's Office, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Enterprise Services; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kirk Caldwell designated Mr. Balfour as Interim Director of the Honolulu Zoo in 2016, while the City searched for a permanent zoo director; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Balfour was named the recipient of Hawaii's Plantation Village's inaugural "Plantation Legacy Award" for his commitment to honor and perpetuate the legacy of Hawaii's sugar plantation communities, and was recognized by the Council on September 20, 2009 for receiving this award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Balfour, who passed away on March 16, 2019, at the age of 87, is survived by his wife, Dee Balfour ("Mrs. Balfour"), his brother, Dr. John Balfour, six children, and 11 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Waipahu District Park is a 13.83-acre park with, among other things, a gymnasium, recreation buildings, a swimming pool, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, a baseball field, and softball fields, and is located at 94-230 Paiwa Street in Waipahu; and

WHEREAS, the Waipahu District Park was always a special place for Mr. and Mrs. Balfour, as their sons played Pop Warner football for the Waipahu Jackrabbits, and Mr. Balfour was a supporter of the park's Waipahu Boxing Club led by the late Al Silva; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is only fitting that the Waipahu District Park be named after William D. "Bill" Balfour, Jr.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Waipahu District Park be renamed the "Bill Balfour Jr. Waipahu District Park" in honor of William D. "Bill" Balfour, Jr., for all his accomplishments and service to Hawaii's agricultural community and to the City and County of Honolulu; and



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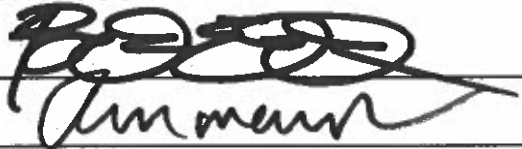
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and authorizes the City Administration to erect appropriate signage, and approves the placement of the signage at the Waipahu District Park, to be renamed the "Bill Balfour Jr. Waipahu District Park"; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mrs. Dee Balfour.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 11/05/19 By: BRANDON ELEFANTE
RON MENOR Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY
SERVICES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

11/12/19	PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	CR-354 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: ELEFANTE, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI. 1 EXCUSED: KOBAYASHI.
12/04/19	COUNCIL	CR-354 AND RESOLUTION 19-287 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MEMOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER